

In re Patent Application of:

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REMARKS

Claims 1 to 12, 14 to 19 are currently pending. Claims 13 and 14 to 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 5,671,077 (Imakawa) in view of United States Patent No. 5,808,769 (Kerklaan). Claims 1 to 11 have been allowed.

The claims of the application have been amended to overcome the objections of the Examiner and to better define the invention in light of the prior art. In particular, claims 12 and 14 to 19 have been cancelled.

As such, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims remaining in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration would be appreciated.

Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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